

Application No.: 10/615,988Docket No.: 2729-160REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the present application, and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-8 have been amended to better define the claimed invention. The amended claims find solid support in the application as filed, for example, FIG. 3. The specification has been revised to remove a typographical error. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The objection to claims 4 and 7 as well as the 35 U.S.C. 112, *second paragraph* rejection of claims 3-9 are believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

The art rejections relying on *Sonoda* (U.S. Patent No. 4,274,482), *Watanabe* (U.S. Patent No. 5,720,341) and *Sasaki* (U.S. Patent No. 5,529,116) are also believed overcome in view of the amendments made to independent claim 1.

In particular, the primary reference of *Sonoda* clearly fails to teach or suggest the presently claimed first-fourth tanks in each of the unit frames.

Furthermore, the primary references of *Sonoda* and *Watanabe* fail to teach or suggest the presently claimed "first burrs which... protrude in a direction opposite to a direction in which the refrigerant flows so as to provide resistance to the refrigerant flows in the first and second tanks," and "second burrs which... protrude in the same direction in which the refrigerant flows so as to promote the refrigerant flows in the third and fourth tanks."

In addition, the primary references of *Sonoda* and *Watanabe* fail to teach or suggest not only the newly added limitation that "the first and fourth tanks are diagonally arranged with respect to each other, and the second and third tanks are diagonally arranged with respect to each other," but

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also the newly added limitation that "the first burr formed in the first tank protrudes in the same direction as the second burr formed in the fourth tank, and the first burr formed in the second tank protrudes in the same direction as the second burr formed in the third tank."

The above noted deficiencies of *Sonoda* and *Watanabe* are not deemed curable with the teaching reference of *Sasaki*.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 1 is patentable over the applied references.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1, and are considered patentable at least for the reason advanced with respect to amended claim 1.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been traversed/overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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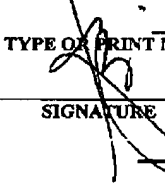
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